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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, and The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council, collectively serving in their capacity as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors

THROUGH: Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Director

FROM: Gary Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager 
Ingrid Enschede, Senior Planner

DATE: December 8, 2023

RE: Contract for services between Whatcom County and Exact Scientific Services

Please find attached for your review a copy of the Contract for services between Whatcom County and Exact Scientific Services. The authorized agreement will be signed electronically through DocuSign.

Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors authorize the County Executive to sign this agreement.

Background and Purpose

Public Works conducts water quality monitoring for coliform bacteria as a critical part of the Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) Program. Water quality data are used to identify pollution sources, track patterns in water quality, identify high priority areas for water quality improvement projects, work with community members to identify solutions, and guide water quality improvement efforts that result in improved water quality in downstream shellfish growing areas.

Exact Scientific Services was selected through a competitive bid process and provides laboratory analysis of surface water samples for fecal coliform, E. coli, and other bacterial analysis. They will provide analytical testing services in 2024 for PIC Program routine, focus area, follow up and storm water quality sampling.

Funding Amount and Source

This contract will provide \$90,000 to support water quality analytical testing services. Budget authority for this contract is provided in 2024 Natural Resources budget.

Please contact Ingrid Enschede at extension 6229 or Erika Douglas at extension 6294 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

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